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For	:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING AN ACTUATABLE OCCUPANT PROTECTION DEVICE USING AN ULTRASONIC SENSOR
Group Art Unit	:	3611
Examiner	:	Marc A. Scharich
Attorney Docket No.	:	TRW(TE)4170

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RECONSIDERATION OF THE PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that under 37 C.F.R. §1.705(b) that the decision not to grant an extension of the patent term be reconsidered. The fee of \$200 required under §1.18(e) is enclosed.

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The patent is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

The present application was subject to over fourteen Office Actions. Applicant responded to all but one within the three month period. The one that was not in the three month period was within four months. However, the dates of the Office Actions are as follows:

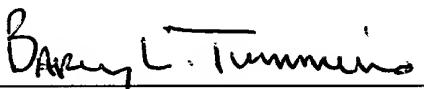
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January 11, 2001	
July 9, 2001	5.5 Months
November 19, 2001	4.5 Months
December 12, 2001	1 Month
May 17, 2002	5 Months
November 5, 2002	6 Months
December 23, 2002	1 Month
June 9, 2003	6 Months
December 11, 2003	1 Month
November 17, 2004	11 Months
March 9, 2005	3 Months
August 16, 2005	5 Months
June 16, 2006	10 Months
August 2, 2006	2 Months
April 26, 2007	8 Months

As can be plainly seen, the Patent Office exceeded its three month commitment a total of 35 months worth of time.

Therefore, the present patent term should be adjusted by 35 months.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this paper to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

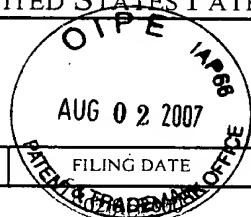
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Determination of Patent Term Extension under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed after June 7, 1995 but prior to May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Extension is 0 day(s). Any patent to issue from the above-identified application will include a indication of the 0 day extension on the front page.

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Extension is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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